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For:

POLYMER ELECTROLYTE MEMBRANE, METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAME, AND

MEMBRANE ELECTRODE ASSEMBLY AND POLYMER ELECTROLYTE FUEL CELL

COMPRISING SAME

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Sir:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) - Filing Date Granted," mailed March 19, 2002, for the above application, Applicant respectfully submits herewith the Declaration for the above identified application properly executed by the inventors. Also enclosed please find Information Disclosure Statement and Submission of Priority Documents.

The executed documents are being filed on Monday, May 20, 2002. Since the due date for filing these documents fell on a Sunday, the filing of the documents on Monday, May 20, 2002, is considered timely.

A check for the statutory fee of \$130.00 is attached. Please also charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
 A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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